

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

Page 1, under "Related Application" please rewrite the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional of ~~ALLOWED~~-U.S. application Serial No. 09/001,486, filed December 31, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,217,749. This application claims priority to French Application No. 96 16290, filed December 31, 1996, which is incorporated herein by reference.